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Title: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR SURFACE-TREATING SUBSTRATES

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

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The Office Action dated November 8, 2001 has been received and carefully reviewed. Please amend the above-identified patent application as indicated below. A Request for a Two-Month Extension of Time is enclosed.

In the claims:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A process for surface treatment of at least one electrically conducting substrate or a substrate that has been coated so as to be electrically conducting, the process comprising the steps of:

placing a gas in a region of an electric discharge;  
restricting the discharge region on at least two opposite sides by surfaces to be treated, wherein the one or more substrates form a hollow cathode; and

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RE: Request for Two-Month Extension of Time and an  
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